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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the International Search Report for International Application PCT/EP2004/013448, of which the above-referenced application is a National Stage:

- (1) EP 0 310 138 A1, April 5, 1989, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet);
- (2) EP 1 348 831 A1, October 1, 2003;
- (3) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0177955 A1 (VIJN et al.), September 25, 2003; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (2);

- (4) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0177954 A1 (VIJN et al.), September 25, 2003; Applicants note that this document is a family member of documents (2) and (3);
- (5) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0011412 A1 (VIJN et al.), January 20, 2005; Applicants note that this document is a family member of documents (2) - (4);
- (6) WO 03/040243 A1, May 15, 2003.

Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents:

- (7) WO 93/21127 A1, October 28, 1993; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed at page 8 of the present specification;
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 5,593,781 (NASS et al.), January 14, 1997; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (7);
- (9) DE 42 12 633 A1, October 21, 1993; this document is cited and discussed at page 8 of the present specification; Applicants note that this document is a family member of documents (7) and (8);
- (10) WO 96/31572 A1, October 10, 1996; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed at page 8 of the present specification;
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 5,910,522 (SCHMIDT et al.), June 8, 1999; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (10)

(12) Ullmanns Encyklopädie der Technischen Chemie, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., vol. 5, pp.751-752; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed at page 4 of the present specification.

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications), the International Search Report for International Application PCT/EP2004/013448 (in English and German) and the International Preliminary Report on Patentability thereof (in English) are enclosed together with a completed copy of the Form PTO-1449 listing the above documents (1) to (12). Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the next official communication.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents and patent applications listed above are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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